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General

Summer-like conditions made up most of the week’s weather. There were some scattered showers mainly in the central and southern portions of the state. The week ended with cooler temperatures and overcast skies. There were 6.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 18% very short, 37% short, 43% adequate and 2% surplus.

Crops

Dry land crops showed stress from lack of soil moisture. Dry conditions have accelerated the silk stage on the corn crop. Almost three-fourths of the corn crop was silked with the crop in mostly good condition. Farmers continued to irrigate the corn crop. Soybean planting was nearing completion with 96% reported complete. Crop emergence was at 87% complete. There were several reports of farmers irrigating early soybeans as well as irrigating later soybeans to obtain a stand. Farmers were also busy applying pesticides. The crop remained in mostly fair to good condition. The sorghum crop began to head last week with the crop in mostly fair to good condition. Dry conditions continued to accelerate the cotton squared stage. Cotton emerged was completed last week with over two-thirds of the crop squared. The crop was in fair to good condition. Farmers were busy irrigating the crop as well as applying pesticides. Farmers maintained the flood and started a second round nitrogen to the rice crop. The crop condition remained fair to mostly good. Farmers took advantage of another week of ideal wheat harvesting conditions with 96% of the harvest reported complete.

Livestock

Livestock remained in good condition. Pastures and hay fields showed stress from lack of soil moisture. Lack of soil moisture decreased yields in some areas and also increased the length of time between that first and second cutting. Hay and pasture conditions decreased some but remained fair to mostly good. Alfalfa hay conditions were in mostly fair condition.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Corn	Silked	74	33	42	31
Cotton	Emerged	100	99	100	99
	Squared	68	34	60	54
Sorghum	Headed	2	0	3	6
Soybeans	Planted	96	91	92	86
	Emerged	87	81	84	77
Wheat	Harvested	96	75	69	64

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	4	27	52	17
Cotton	1	12	40	40	7
Rice	1	6	28	49	16
Sorghum	1	9	48	35	7
Soybeans	5	12	37	39	7
Hay-Other	0	9	38	48	5
Hay-Alfalfa	0	4	66	28	2
Pasture & Range	0	12	38	44	6

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending June 18, 2006									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal	Wk Ending June 18	June	June	Jan - May	
						Accum	Normal	2006	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	88	52	0	0.29	2.26	3.86	15.29	18.72
	Harrison	91	54	0	0.41	1.03	3.30	29.80	19.21
N. Central	Calico Rock	91	52	-1	0.47	0.72	2.81	22.28	20.29
	Gilbert	90	53	-1	0.00	0.73	3.21	22.06	19.61
	Greers Ferry	94	60	1	0.00	0.38	2.88	27.99	22.74
	Mtn. Home	91	60	2	0.04	0.44	3.00	20.84	19.81
Northeast	Batesville	95	58	1	0.00	0.95	2.62	25.49	21.55
	Jonesboro	96	62	1	0.30	0.35	2.54	20.82	22.02
	Keiser	98	60	0	4.65	4.79	3.05	22.26	23.58
	Newport	98	61	0	0.00	0.28	2.76	27.55	22.11
W. Central	Booneville	92	56	-1	0.00	1.46	3.18	16.68	21.13
	Clarksville	92	62	2	0.00	1.70	3.14	18.97	20.57
	Dardanelle	93	60	1	0.00	1.37	3.27	20.76	21.50
	Ft. Smith	92	62	0	1.64	3.91	3.24	21.25	18.71
	Mena	90	57	1	0.11	1.75	3.77	18.22	24.82
	Ozark	89	60	0	0.53	2.88	2.88	24.76	19.34
Central	Conway	93	61	0	0.16	0.76	3.25	26.22	21.52
	Hot Springs	97	59	1	0.50	0.50	3.76	20.78	25.49
	Little Rock	95	64	1	1.58	0.22	2.92	25.18	23.18
	N. Little Rock	96	63	0	0.00	0.29	0.00	24.74	22.77
E. Central	Brinkley	90	62	-2	2.50	4.50	3.10	26.56	24.17
	Marianna	94	61	0	0.28	0.36	3.19	25.23	25.04
	Stuttgart	95	62	-1	0.43	0.98	2.95	24.87	23.54
Southwest	Hope	95	58	-1	0.40	2.52	3.38	17.01	23.57
	Texarkana	96	61	0	1.14	3.38	3.24	15.52	18.96
	Camden	96	58	-1	0.05	0.22	3.36	14.38	23.73
S. Central	El Dorado	98	57	0	0.44	1.03	3.74	22.38	24.94
	Warren	93	59	-1	0.45	0.82	3.07	23.05	25.94
Southeast	Eudora	98	67	1	2.32	2.95	3.02	28.98	29.22
	Pine Bluff	95	63	0	1.17	1.26	2.73	22.88	24.16
	Rohwer	94	61	0	1.00	1.33	2.78	28.50	25.17

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